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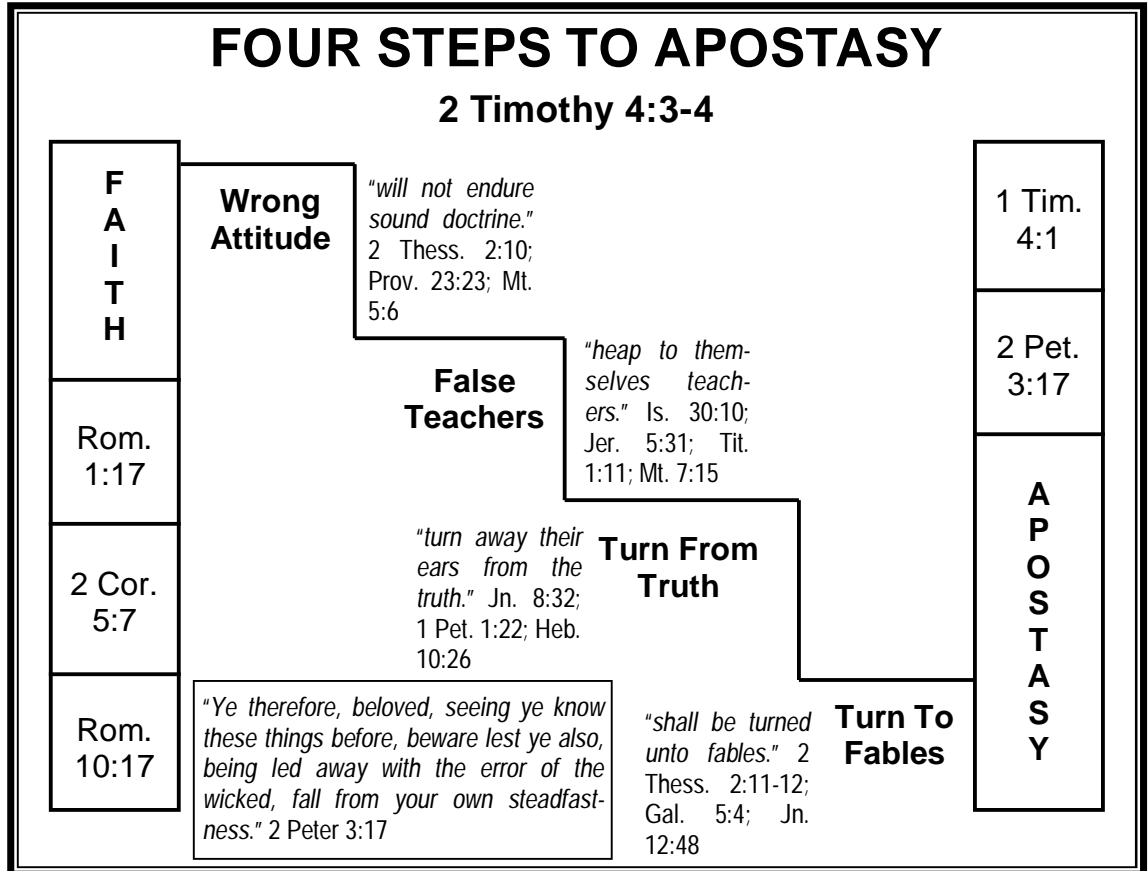
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## FOUR STEPS TO APOSTASY

2 Timothy 4:3-4



## The Teachings of Christ

Robert Meredith



Most would say that all people are to follow the teachings of Christ, and they would be right. But there is a false doctrine being advocated which contends that some of Christ's doctrine, particularly His teachings on marriage, divorce and remarriage, does not apply to man today because they were given while the Law of Moses was still in effect. They contend that His teachings were given to correct the Jewish misconceptions of Judaism and therefore are not applicable to Christians. Let us first say that the teachings of the Christ do apply to individuals today, and let us look to logic and the Scriptures to confirm our affirmation.

In Isaiah 1:18 one reads, *"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."* God wants people to reason things out; to use logic. This is why God has commanded man to study (2 Timothy 2:15), so that he can draw the proper conclusions from the evidence

given. The gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were not written for some twenty plus years after the Lord's church was established. John's account was most likely written over fifty years after its establishment. Why would the Holy Spirit direct these holy men of God to pen these works so long after Judaism had been abolished (Colossians 2:14), if they were written to correct Judaism? If Jesus' teachings were given to correct the Jewish misunderstandings of the Law of Moses, why would the Holy Spirit have these books written when no one would be under the Law anymore? Furthermore, If Jesus' teachings were not given to people under the Christians dispensation, then today no one needs to take to heart the mighty lessons He taught while on earth. Man is not accountable if he is not a good neighbor (the parable of the Good Samaritan), or if he is covetous (the parable of the Rich Fool), or if he does not live a righteous life (the parable of the Ten Virgins). The proponents of this false doctrine would say that all are under these teachings because they apply to all people of all ages. They are correct in their assessment that these parables are for all people, but who decides what lessons are for all and what lessons do not apply to all? The false teacher decides! My friends, the fact that these accounts were penned so long after an abolished system ended shows that they were not written to correct the errors of that system, but were written for the benefit of those who were living (and are living) under the Christian age.

Not only does logic show that the teaching of Jesus in the gospel accounts while the Law of Moses was still in effect are binding to the man of today, but the Scriptures teach it as well. Jesus instructed the Apostles, "*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...*" (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus declared

that the ones who were converted, Christians, were to observe His commands, and those commands were given while the Law of Moses was in effect. Too, Jesus told the Apostles that He would send the Holy Spirit to them. He said, "*But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you*" (John 14:26). Notice Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would remind the Apostles of the lessons He taught them while the Law of Judaism was still in effect. Many other passages can be given that prove that Christ's teachings that He directly taught are binding upon man today (2 John 9; Acts 11:16; Acts 20:35).

Earlier in this article it was pointed out that one of the main reasons for this pseudo doctrine is an attempt to circumvent Christ's teaching on marriage, divorce, and remarriage as found in Matthew 19:9. However, in 1 Corinthians 7:10-11, Paul wrote, "*And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.*" When Paul declared, "...*I command, yet not I, but the Lord,*" he was simply saying that this was something that Jesus taught while He was on earth. Here one finds the teaching of Christ that is found in Matthew 19: 6, 9, 12; the very teaching that false teachers say does not apply to man today, and Paul reminds the first century married Christians that they had to abide by it.

The devil loves it when men will attack, twist, add to, or take from God's Word. Some today only want to follow what is written in "red" (the actual teaching and words of Jesus). Others try to say the gospel accounts are not for man. Let us take all of the New Testament, hide it in our hearts and be conformed to the image of God's dear Son.

# I AM A CHRISTIAN

When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm not shouting 'I'm clean living,'  
I'm whispering 'I was lost, Now I'm found and forgiven.'

When I say... 'I am a Christian' I don't speak of this with pride.  
I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say.. 'I am a Christian' I'm not trying to be strong.  
I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say.. 'I am a Christian' I'm not bragging of success.  
I'm admitting I have failed and need God's help to clean my mess.

When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm not claiming to be perfect,  
My flaws are far too visible, but God believes that I am worth it.

When I say... 'I am a Christian' I still feel the sting of pain...  
I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm not holier than thou,  
I was just a simple sinner who received God's grace, somehow!

When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm saying I've obeyed,  
Each of God's commands He's given and been baptized in His name.

...Edited



**Prayer List:** John Brinkley, James "Ed" Edwards (Betty Enoch's brother-in-law), Warren Jackson, Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent's sister), Dub Henry, Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch's mother), Gail Wright, Frances Wyatt (Roy & Marie Wyatt's sister-in-law) and any who may be in need of our prayers.

**Shut-ins:** Anne Brinkley, Tom Meredith & Mary Miller.

## News at Green Plain



**Visitation Group #2 meets Sunday, the 11th.**



**Green Plain School of Biblical Studies** continues each Monday night through **December 7th**, for the fall, 2009 session. The subjects are **Premillennialism, Hermeneutics, The Work of the Church, & the book of James**. Please be bringing canned drinks and snacks.



**Monthly Luncheons:** Our monthly luncheons will be on **Thursday, the 15th**. The ladies will be going to **Cracker Barrel** and the men to **Hardee's**.

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery" Matthew 19:9

### ATTENDANCE October 4, 2009

Bible Study	67	Worship P.M.	
Worship A.M.	77	Mid-week (9-30)	59

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**  
**October 2009**

USHERS: Bobby Hall & Preston Barrett  
 ANNOUNCEMENTS: Larry Enoch

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE:  
 A.M.: Bobby Ward & Roy Wyatt  
 Substitute: Frank Pool

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE :  
 A.M.: Dave Thompson & Jesse Vincent  
 Substitute: Frank Towery

Sunday P.M.  
 10-11.....Eddie Ward  
 10-18.....Paul Brandon  
 10-25.....Rex Enoch

SCRIPTURE READING:  
 10-11.....Charles Enoch (1 Tim. 6:6-12)  
 10-18.....Chad Canter  
 10-25.....Rob Enoch

OPENING PRAYER:  
 10-11.....Dave Thompson  
 10-18.....Larry Enoch  
 10-25.....Robert Meredith

CLOSING PRAYER:  
 10-11.....Brent Morris Jr.  
 10-18.....Hayes Grady  
 10-25.....Jesse Vincent

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:  
 Bobby Hall & Preston Barrett

SONG LEADERS:  
 Sunday Morning...Charles Enoch  
 Sunday Evening....Chad Canter  
 Wednesday.....Larry Enoch  
 Substitute.....Bill Stubblefield

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:  
 Isaac Ward & Katelyn Canter

GREETERS: Robert & Wanda Barrett  
 LAWN CARE: Rex Enoch & Rob Enoch

If you are unable to serve, please contact  
 Jesse Vincent at 293-1537.

 **Matthew 25**

1. How many parables are recorded in chapter 25?
2. How many virgins were there in the first parable?
3. How many talents did each of the three men receive in the parable of the talents?
4. In the parable of the Judgment, what happened to the unfaithful?

1. 3 (vs. 1-13, 14-30, 31-46)  
 2. 10 (v. 2)  
 3. 5, 2, 1 (v. 15)  
 4. Everlasting punishment (vs. 41, 46)

**Remember to  
 bring snacks for  
 the hospital.**



**Pantry Item  
 Chili**

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday:

Bible Classes.....10:00 A.M.  
 Worship.....10:45 A.M.  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 P.M.  
 For transportation call 492-8206  
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**RADIO PROGRAMS**

**WORDS OF LIFE RADIO BROADCAST**  
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**SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES RADIO BROADCAST**  
 Sunday, 7:30 A.M...WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

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**SERMON TOPICS FOR  
 October 11, 2009**

A.M. - Things To Which We Are  
 To Be Devoted

P.M. - All Should Honor The Son

**WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED**

**Hear the gospel**

*Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17*

**Believe**

*Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6*

**Repent**

*Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30*

**Confess faith in Christ**

*Mt. 10:32, Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10*

**Be baptized (immersed)**

*Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 22:16;  
 Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21*

**Continue faithful unto death**

*Mt. 25:21,34; 2 Pt. 1:1-11; Rev. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:6-9*